

REMARKS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1-24, as amended, are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 and 21-22 and 24 have been allowed. Claims 13, 20 and 23 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the Amendment.

Objection to the Abstract

The Examiner objected to the Abstract for being of excessive length. Applicants have replaced the Abstract with a new Abstract of proper length and without legal phraseology. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

Objection to Claims 20 and 23

The Examiner objected to claims 20 and 23 for depending from multiple dependent claims. Applicants have amended claims 20 and 23 by inserting into claims 20 and 23, the text of claims 2 and 11 and deleting reference to claims 2 and 11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 20 and 23.

Claim 13

Claim 13 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing election, prompt examination of claims 1- 24 and allowance of the application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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